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**EVENT: Indictment**

**Defendant: Aaron L. Mitchell**

**DETROIT RESIDENT INDICTED IN FALSE DOCUMENT CASE**

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Detroit resident Aaron Leon Mitchell, 33, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Detroit on charges of producing and transferring a false Social Security Administration card and with assisting another person in impersonating an employee of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today.

Murphy was joined in the announcement by Thomas M. Frost, Special Agent in Charge, Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General.

The three-count indictment charges that in March 2005, Mitchell produced a false, counterfeit Social Security card and transferred the card to another person. The indictment further alleges that Mitchell aided and abetted another person in posing as a corrupt INS official as part of a scheme to obtain \$4,000 in exchange for an Alien Registration Card, also called a "Green Card."

"False identity documents can be a ticket to big time fraud or major security breaches," U.S. Attorney Murphy said. "That is why my office, and the Department of Homeland Security,

view these charges with the utmost seriousness. In order to protect the integrity of the government's programs, such as Social Security, as well as all the citizens who benefit from such programs, we are pledged to use every tool at our disposal." Murphy stated.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation leading up to the indictment was conducted by the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General and the Social Security Administration Office of Inspector General. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Varner.